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(54) **Predicting predisposition to osteoporosis.**

(57) Means are provided for use in a method of providing a diagnostic indicia which is predictive of the risk of a non-osteoporotic human being contracting osteoporosis as a consequence of being in a long-term hormonally agonadal state, which comprises the steps of determining the average ratio of calcium to creatinine in the urine or in the blood of that person, during a period when the person is ingesting only foodstuff sources of calcium and vitamin D, while in a hormonally gonadal state, and also while in a hormonally agonadal state; determining the magnitude of the difference in the ratio obtained in the latter state compared to the former state, a large difference being predictive of a high risk of that person contracting osteoporosis.

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